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COMMITTEE COMPLETES WORK ON THREE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

REF: A) USUN 1175; B) STATE 90845; C) REPORT ON THE POP-
ULATION COMMISSION (19TH SESSION) E/5913

1. USMMARY: AFTER HAVING EARLIER APPROVED WITHOUT AMEND-
MENTS DRAFT RESOLUTIONS II AND III AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
POPULATION COMMISSION IN CHAPTER I OF REFERENCE C, AND
HAVING TAKEN NOTE OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING
FROM A DECISION OF THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A SMALL
AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS TO ASSIST IN THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL
OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION, THE ECONOMIC COM-
MITTEE ON 22 APRIL : 1) ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE DRAFT
RESOLUTION I AS AMENDED BY ALGERIA AND YUGOSLAVIA; 2) HEARD
EXPLANATION STATEMENTS AFTER THE VOTE ON RESOLUTION
I MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN,
YUGOSLAVIA, THE US, ARGENTINA, ALGERIA AND POLAND; AND
3) TOOK NOTE OF THEREPORT (E/5913) OF THE POPULATION
COMMISSION'S 19 TH SESSION.

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION I - ACTION BY THE UN TO IMPLEMENT

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THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF
ACTION. FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF INFORMAL CONSULTA-
TIONS DURING WHICH THE G-77 REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE
US SUGGESTION TO ADD THE WORDS "INTER ALIA" AT THE
BEGINNING OF THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND A
YUGOSLAV THREAT TO SCUTTLE THE ENTIRE RESOLUTION, THE
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ADOPTED DRAFT RESOLUTION I AS IT

APPEARS ON PAGES 1 AND 2 OF REFERENCE C WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS:

- A) A NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH FOUR AS PROPOSED BY ALGERIA THAT READS: "RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2626 (XV) OF 24 OCTOBER 1970 ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, RESOLUTIONS 3201 AND 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, RESOLUTION 3281 (XXIX) OF 12 DECEMBER 1974 CONTAINING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, AND RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION."
- B) CHANGES IN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 PROPOSED BY YUGOSLAVIA SO THAT THE PARAGRAPH NOW READS: "2 RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT, WHEN IT CONSIDERS THE QUESTION OF PREPARING A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE ROLE OF POPULATION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF POPULATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER SHOULD BE GIVEN DUE WEIGHT, AND SHOULD BE DULY INTEGRATED INTO THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICY MEASURES AND TARGETS TO BE CONTAINED IN ANY NEW STRATEGY."

3. RESERVATIONS ON POPULATION DRAFT RESOLUTION I - EXPRESSED AFTER ITS ADOPTION:

- A) THE SOVIET UNION REPRESENTATIVE SAID THE FACT THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD AGREED TO ADOPT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WITHOUT A VOTE, PARTICULARLY UNCLASSIFIED

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THE REWORDING OF THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 DID NOT SIGNIFY ANY CHANGE IN THE POSITION WITH REGARD TO ANY SO-CALLED TARGETS TO BE CONTAINED IN A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. THE POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION REGARDING TARGETS HAD BEEN EXPRESSED AT THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, HE SAID.

- B) THE JAPANESE DELEGATE SAID HIS DELEGATION HAD JOINED THE CONSENSUS, BECAUSE IT FULLY ENDORSED THE IMPORTANCE OF POPULATION PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES IN THE PREPARATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. HOWEVER, WHEN SUCH PREPARATIONS BEGAN, DUE ACCOUNT SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION (3362) THE POSITION OF HIS DELEGATION ON RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION REMAINED UNCHANGED, HE SAID.
- C) THE YUGOSLAVIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID HIS DELEGATION MAINTAINED ITS VIEW THAT IT WAS "INAPPROPRIATE" FOR THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE DRAFT

RESOLUTION AS, IN HIS VIEW, IT WAS CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT IN WHICH RESOLUTION 31/182 ON PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE FELT IT WAS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE DECISIONS ON SUCH A MATTER. HE SAID THAT, ON THE INITIATIVE OF SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS BEING ADOPTED WERE DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT. YUGOSLAVIA FIRMLY BELIEVED THAT THE BASIC EMPHASIS OF THE NEW STRATEGY SHOULD BE THE RESTRUCTURING OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

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D) THE US DELEGATE (MOUSKY), FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF B, SAID HIS DELEGATION HAD BEEN ABLE TO GO ALONG WITH EH CONSENSUS BECAUSE IT SUPPORTED THE GENERAL THRUST OF THE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, THE US DID NOT THINK THE DRAFT SHOULD HAVE EXPRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF POPULATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES ONLY IN TERMS OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NIEO. HE SAID THE US IS CONVINCED THAT POPULATION PROBLEMS TRANSCEND ANY SUCH RELATIONSHIP AND MUST BE DEALT WITH ON THEIR OWN MERITS. WITH REGARD TO THE REFERENCE TO "A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" INsofar AS THE REFERENCE RELATED TO UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT, THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINED ITS WELL-KNOWN POSITION ON THOSE RESOLUTIONS. FULL TEXT OF US STATEMENT IS BEING FURNISHED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO THE ATTENTION OF POOLE IN IO.

E) THE ARGENTINE DELEGATE SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION DID NOT INTERPRET OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS A CHANGE IN THE GENERAL APPROACH

TAKEN BY THE LAST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

F) THE ALGERIA DELEGATE MAINTAINED HIS DELEGATIONS' VIEW THAT RESOLUTION 31/182 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE FORMULATION OF A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WAS SUFFICIENTLY BROAD ENOUGH TO COVER POPULATION QUESTIONS ALSO.

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4. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS II AND III - EXPLANATIONS AFTER THE VOTE:

A) THE SOVIET UNION DELEGATE SAID HIS DELEGATION HAD STATED PREVIOUSLY IS POSITION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD WIDE POPULATION INFORMATION SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, IT HAD EXPRESSED IT S RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON THE WORK PROGRAMME IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION. HIS DELEGATION HAD NOT OBJECTED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, BUT ITS RESERVATIONS MUST BE BORNE IN MIND.

B) THE CHINESE DELEGATE SAID HIS DELEGATION HAD FULLY EXPOUNDED IT VIEWS AT THE 1974 WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE. IT HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES OF THE CONFERENCE. THEREFORE, WHEN RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS WERE PUT TO A VOTE HIS DELEGATION WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE.

5. AD HOC GROUP ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL. REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION, THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY, VICTOR VORONIN (USSR) ESTIMATED THAT COST OF ESTABLISHING A GROUP OF EXPERTS AT \$20,000, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GROUP WOULD CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN SIX PERSONS, WOULD WORRK ONLY IN ENGLISH AND WOULD MEET ONCE IN JUNE 1977 AND AGAIN IN OCTOBER 1978. THE ESTIMATED COST OF \$10,000 FOR 1977 MEETING WOULD BE ABSORBED WITHIN THE EXISTING RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND THE \$10,000 FOR THE 1978 MEETING WITHIN THE EXISTING RESOURCES OF THE ORGANIZATION HE SAID.

6. IN HIS STATMENT ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL, THE USSR DELEGATE RECALLED HIS DELEGATIONS' RESERVATION REGARDING THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ON THE SETTING UP OF

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THE GROUP. THE EXPENSES SHOULD BE ABSORBED BY THE
CREDITS ALLOCATED TO POPULATION ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.
AS TO THE LANGUAGE SERVICES, HIS DELEGATION RESERVED
ITS POSITIONS WITH REGARD TO RAISING THE QUESTION IN
THE PROPER BODY AT THE PROPER TIME.
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